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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

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Prices paid for American apples at the Liverpool auction on January 12 show a decided slump for the most of the red varieties, but the green varieties were maintained on approximately the same levels prevailing last week, according to quotations cabled by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Virginia Yellow Newtowns and New York Rhode Island Greenings shared honors for first place this week, A-2 1/2 inch Newtowns selling at \$6.08 per barrel, and A-2 1/2 inch Greenings at \$5.60 to \$6.08. In general it can be said that supplies of barreled apples are moderate and that the demand is improving on high grade fruit but dull on low grades. Many of the barreled varieties are arriving in an overripe condition and with a slight amount of decay. The boxed apple market is showing some weakness, supplies in general being heavy.

Only moderate supplies of Virginia York Imperials were available for the auction. The condition of the fruit, however, was extremely variable, quotations for lots in good condition ranging from \$4.38 to \$4.87 per barrel as against \$5.35 to \$5.96 per barrel last week. Some of the fruit was badly scalded and brought only \$2.92 to \$3.89 per barrel. Virginia Winesaps and Stayman Winesaps were in light supply. The condition of these varieties was also unsatisfactory, that of the Winesaps being variable, while a large proportion of the Stayman Winesaps was in an overripe condition. Supplies of Virginia Yellow Newtowns were practically negligible. The quantities available sold moderately at \$6.08 per barrel. There was an active demand for both New York Baldwins and Rhode Island Greenings, supplies of which were only moderate. Oregon Yellow Newtowns were in liberal supply. The condition of the fruit, however, was generally poor and the demand slow at from \$2.07 to \$2.92 per box. The market is showing some strength for Pacific Northwest Winesaps.

The Spanish orange market is showing weakness, the fruit bringing only \$3.16 to \$3.65 per box as compared with \$3.41 to \$4.14 per box last week. No quotations were received from Hamburg this week, but the Copenhagen market is reported to be weak because of the abundance of low grade fruit.

Australian reports indicate that the 1927 apple crop there has suffered serious damage as a result of unseasonable weather conditions during the blossoming period and insect pests. The Tasmanian crop is estimated at only about two-thirds of the 1926 crop. The anticipated reduction in the apple crop of Victoria will probably result in larger takings from Tasmania, thus reducing further the exportable surplus of that state. While it is as yet too early to make any accurate statement as to the total Australian crop, it is roughly estimated that exports this year will be at least 30 per cent below that of 1926. Any serious reduction in the Australian crop would materially affect the demand for American apples late in March and the first half of April.

The following table shows the prices paid for American apples on the Liverpool and Copenhagen markets on January 11 and 12, as compared with the preceding week:



## Prices paid for American Apples in Liverpool and Copenhagen

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price	
		Jan. 5, 1927	Jan. 12, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
LIVERPOOL:			
York Imperial, A-2 1/2 in. ....	Virginia	\$5.35 - 5.96	\$4.62 - 4.87
A-2 1/4 in. ....	"	5.35 - 5.84	4.38 - 4.87
A-2 1/2 in. (badly scalded)	"	a/	2.92 - 3.89
Winesap, A-2 1/4 in. ....	"	4.38 - 5.23	b/ 3.89
Stayman Winesap, A-2 1/2 in. ....	"	a/	4.14 - 4.87
A-2 1/4 in. ....	"	4.68	4.01
Yellow Newtown, A-2 1/2 in. ....	"	a/	6.08
Rhode Island Greening, A-2 1/2 in. ....	New York	6.08	5.60 - 6.08
A-2 1/4 in. ....	"	4.68	4.38 - 4.87
Baldwin, A-2 1/2 in. ....	"	a/	5.35 - 5.84
A-2 1/2 in. ....	Maine	6.23 - 6.57	a/
A-2 1/4 in. ....	New York	a/	4.14 - 5.35
A-2 1/4 in. ....	Maine	5.84 - 6.81	a/
B-2 1/4 in. ....	"	4.87 - 5.11	a/
Ben Davis, A-2 1/4 in. ....	New York	5.84	a/
A-2 1/4 in. ....	Maine	4.68 - 5.11	a/
Keiffer Pear	New York	b/4.62 - 4.87	2.80 - 4.14
		Per box	Per box
Winesap, Extra Fancy, 163/175	Washington	2.68 - 3.04	2.68 - 2.92
Fancy, 163/175	"	2.43 - 2.55	2.49 - 2.55
Yellow Newtown, Extra Fancy, 163/175	Oregon	2.55 - 2.68	2.68 - 2.92
Extra Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.07 - 2.43	a/
Fancy, 163/175	"	2.25 - 2.43	2.07 - 2.80
Fancy, 188/smaller	"	2.19 - 2.31	a/
Jonathan, Extra Fancy, 163/175	Washington	2.92 - 3.10	a/
Fancy, 163/175	"	2.68	a/
Spitzenburg, Extra Fancy, 163/175	Oregon	c/ 2.13	a/
Fancy, 163/175	"	d/1.82 - 1.89	a/
Delicious, Extra Fancy, 163/175	"	2.92	a/
Fancy, 163/175	"	2.55 - 2.68	a/
Winter Nellis Pears	Washington	a/	3.65 - 4.14
		Jan. 4, 1927	Jan. 11, 1927
		Per bbl.	Per bbl.
COPENHAGEN:			
York Imperial, A-2 1/4 inch up	Virginia	4.01 - 4.50	3.65 - 4.14
Ben Davis, A-2 1/4 inch up	"	4.26 - 4.56	3.77 - 4.56
Rome Beauty, A-2 1/4 inch up	New York	a/	3.35 - 4.01
Baldwin, A-2 1/4 inch up	Maine	3.47 - 3.53	a/

a/ Not quoted in cable. b/ Southampton. c/ Poor condition.

